

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A thermographic or photothermographic material having a  $D_{\min}$  and  $D_{\max}$  optical density. The material includes a support having thereon one or more thermally-developable imaging layers which are developable to produce an  
5 image when the material is thermally processed; and an area disposed along a length of at least one edge of the material, wherein the area has an optical density less than the  $D_{\max}$  and greater than the  $D_{\min}$  of the thermographic or photothermographic material.